

CLAIMS

1. A method comprising:

receiving a request to locate a lodging facility having a particular computer-related service;

identifying at least one lodging facility having the requested computer-related service; and

communicating the at least one lodging facility to a source of the request.

2. A method as recited in claim 1 wherein identifying at least one lodging facility includes accessing a database containing a plurality of lodging facilities and a listing of computer-related services associated with each lodging facility.

3. A method as recited in claim 1 wherein the identified at least one lodging facility provides a computer-related service that is compatible with the hardware and software associated with the source of the request.

4. A method as recited in claim 1 wherein the identified at least one lodging facility provides a computer-related service that is compatible with a computing device to be used by the source of the request at the lodging facility.

5. A method as recited in claim 1 wherein the computer-related service is a broadband network connection in at least a portion of the rooms of the lodging facility.

6. A method as recited in claim 1 wherein the computer-related service is a printer in at least a portion of the rooms of the lodging facility.

7. A method as recited in claim 1 wherein the computer-related service is a printer at the front desk of the lodging facility.

8. A method as recited in claim 1 wherein the computer-related service is a printer in a conference room of the lodging facility.

9. A method as recited in claim 1 wherein the request to locate a lodging facility is generated by an application program on a user's computer.

10. A method as recited in claim 1 further comprising allowing the source of the request to make a reservation at an identified lodging facility.

11. A method as recited in claim 1 further comprising determining whether the source of the request made a reservation with an identified lodging facility.

12. A method as recited in claim 1 further comprising generating a report to a lodging facility offering computer-related services, wherein the report identifies reservations resulting from identifying and communicating lodging facility information to the source of the request.

13. A method comprising:
determining lodging facility requirements, wherein the lodging facility requirements include at least one computer-related service;
communicating the lodging facility requirements to a server, wherein the server is configured to identify at least one lodging facility that satisfies the lodging facility requirements; and
receiving a listing of lodging facilities that satisfy the lodging facility requirements.

14. A method as recited in claim 13 wherein the computer-related service is compatible with the hardware associated with a system that determined the lodging facility requirements.

15. A method as recited in claim 13 wherein the computer-related service is a broadband network connection available to guests of the lodging facility.

16. A method as recited in claim 13 wherein the computer-related service is a printer in at least a portion of the rooms of the lodging facility.

17. A method as recited in claim 13 further comprising requesting a reservation at one of the listed lodging facilities that satisfy the lodging facility requirements.

18. A method comprising:

receiving a request to locate a facility having a particular computer-related service;

identifying at least one facility having the requested computer-related service; and

communicating the at least one identified facilities to a source of the request.

19. A method as recited in claim 18 wherein the facility is a lodging facility.

20. A method as recited in claim 18 wherein the facility is a conference center.

21. A method as recited in claim 18 wherein the facility is an airport.

22. An apparatus comprising:

a storage device configured to store information regarding a plurality of lodging facilities, wherein the information includes computer-related services offered by each lodging facility; and

a processor coupled to the storage device and configured to receive a request to locate a lodging facility offering a particular computer-related service, the processor accessing the information stored in the storage device to identify at least one lodging facility offering the requested computer-related service.

23. An apparatus as recited in claim 22 wherein the processor is further configured to generate a report indicating reservations resulting from users who requested to locate a lodging facility offering a particular computer-related service.

24. An apparatus as recited in claim 22 wherein the computer-related service is a network connection in at least a portion of the rooms of the lodging facility.

25. An apparatus as recited in claim 22 wherein the computer-related service is a printer in at least a portion of the rooms of the lodging facility.

26. An apparatus as recited in claim 22 wherein the computer-related service is compatible with a device used to generate the request to locate a lodging facility.